

Jacksonville Ala

Sep 14, 1903.

Dear Jessie

I want to begin the week by writing you a short letter though suffering greatly with one of my old fashioned head-aches, this is the fifth day I have been worried with it-but have managed to keep going. I have no prospect of a cook yet, but have a very nice little help in the person of Annie Fryly, Aunt Adeline's grand-daughter, she is very bright and handy and really I have it felt tired since she has been with me. Mrs. Arbery is still without a cook and has a young lady boarder from Selma has met her once and am very much pleased with her. The School opens tomorrow, Mr. Day of the says he is expecting at least three hundred but it looks to me like they are very slow coming in not over a dozen have yet arrived. Mr. Thomson and Mrs. Sistrunk are here, they occupy the house built for a servant's room on the back part of Mrs. Adkins' lot; the McBlathen <sup>girls</sup> are also here



Mrs Miller was buried Saturday and Mr  
Journey's son (one of the twins) yesterday, he was  
accidentally killed at the Lumber mill by a  
piece of timber being driven through him, died  
immediately, the family is almost crazed with  
grief. We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr Bowman  
who boarded with Carrie last year, have heard no  
particulars of his death.

There have been some  
changes in our little town in the last few weeks  
Mr & Mrs Gamby have their mother and sister  
from Ocala. Fla visiting them. Mrs C. F. Porter  
has moved back from Anniston and occupy  
the old Privette home. Mrs Hamner has purchased  
the Aunt Martha Lee home, repaired, painted  
and moved into it. Mr L <sup>Lay</sup> ~~Lay~~ gette has bought  
the Brothers place, don't know whether he will  
occupy it this year or not.

I was truly glad to learn  
from your letter that you were so fortunate in securing  
a place to board I hope Mrs Lay will never have  
reason to regret taking you. The school year just  
opening will I trust, be a pleasant and a profitable  
one to you doubtless you have begun work with  
renewed zeal and have formed many good



resolutions for the future, somehow I have no fears  
whatever about your work in the school-room  
for I believe you are too conscientious to shirk  
duty however irksome, it might be, but it is  
the social feature of your life that makes me  
anxious. I would not have you wedded to the  
card-table and the dance as some of the girls  
of the present day are, not for all the world  
I have no respect for a woman whose happiness  
depends upon such trivial enjoyments, so for  
Grandma's sake I want you to avoid these silly  
amusements as much as possible. Tell Mrs. Lay  
you are all the daughter I have and she must keep  
you straight.

I will have your coat fixed for  
you and anything else you really need I will  
try to get for you. Your uncle told me he had  
furnished you with sixteen dollars and a half  
(\$16.50) which, with what I gave you ought to get  
what you really need, try to practice economy  
'tis a good lesson for all young people to learn  
I am expecting your Aunt Mary about the middle  
of next month (Oct.) I have had a very lonely time  
since you left and will be glad to have her with  
me. I suppose you hear from Mary Mason  
she has not had her visit to Fayetteville yet



With an aching head and a bad pen this is  
the best I can do for the present, will write  
when I can, would like to hear from you  
at least once a week. It is raining to-day  
You ought to have gossamer and rubbers

Love to Lois and also to Mrs Lary and  
don't forget to write to your poor old lonely  
Grand mother

M. T. Caldwell

Mr Liskow has a new daughter. The new Science  
Teacher has come. wears glasses - has wife & children  
and is an Episcopalian